

PRT-812344

Applicant: Mr. Wendell Pennington, Pennington and Associates, Inc., Cookeville, Tennessee.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, relocate from a construction site, and release) the endangered Nashville crayfish, *Orconectes shoupi*, in Davidson County, Tennessee, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

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Applicant: Mr. Billy J. Grantham, Troy State University, Troy, Alabama.

The applicant requests a permit to take (salvage remains) federally listed threatened and endangered species from throughout the southeast for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

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Applicant: Dr. Ronald L. Mumme, Aiken, South Carolina.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and translocate) the threatened Florida scrub jay, *Aphelocoma coerulescens coerulescens*, in Highlands and Collier Counties, Florida for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

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Applicant: Dr. R. Wayne Tyndall, Maryland Natural Heritage Program, Annapolis, Maryland.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect leaves for isozyme analyses) the threatened seabeach amaranth, *Amaranthus pumilus*, throughout the species range in the southeast for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments on these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-7313; Fax: 404/679-7081.

Dated: March 18, 1996.
Noreen K. Clough,
Regional Director.
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Availability of Draft Recovery Plan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability for public review of a revised draft recovery plan for the wood stork. Wood storks occur in Florida, Georgia and coastal South Carolina. The Service solicits review and comments from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before May 24, 1996 to ensure consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Copies can be obtained by contacting the Acting Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6620 Southpoint Drive, South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, Florida 32216 or calling (904) 232-2580. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda D. Finger at above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service prepares recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for reclassifying them from endangered to threatened status or removing them for the list, and estimate the time and cost for implementing the needed recovery measures.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. *et seq.*) requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and

comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

Wood storks are large, white, long-legged wading birds that use a variety of freshwater and estuarine wetlands for nesting feeding and roosting. They are found throughout Florida, Georgia and coastal South Carolina. The Service listed the wood stork as an endangered species on February 28, 1984. Wood storks were listed as endangered because of loss of feeding habitat, human disturbance and man-made changes in water levels that affected the natural drainage patterns of Florida. Since the 1960's, the wood stork population has shown substantial declines in southern Florida, and substantial increases in northern Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Over the last 12 years, the U.S. population has ranged between 5,500 and 6,500 pairs.

The Service completed the recovery plan for this species in 1986 to identify actions necessary to recover the population. Since that time, many tasks identified in the original plan have been accomplished and more information is now available on the biology and distribution of storks throughout the southeast. This revised recovery plan updates the original information as well as addresses new threats and needs.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the Recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: March 11, 1996.
Michael M. Bentzien,
Acting Field Supervisor.
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Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-00-P; F-40315]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue

conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(8) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(8), will be issued to Bering Straits Native Corporation for approximately 40 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Marys Igloo, Alaska, within T. 2 S., R. 30 W., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Anchorage Daily News. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 (907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal Government or regional corporation, shall have until April 24, 1996 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Heather A. Coats,

Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of (962) Adjudication.

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Development of Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management on Public Lands in California and Northwestern Nevada, and To Amend Land Use Plans Pursuant to the Planning Regulations

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in California intends to develop a statewide Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management as provided in the BLM's new grazing regulations (43 CFR Part 4100) and to amend, as necessary, existing Land Use Plans (LUP) in the State. The EIS is being prepared in compliance with section 102(2)(C) of the

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This notice invites public input on the development of the Standards and Guidelines, issues to be addressed, planning criteria, and the alternatives to be considered in the EIS.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the EIS and Plan Amendment must be received by April 24, 1996. No public scoping meetings are anticipated. However, other opportunities for public involvement will be provided during the NEPA/Plan Amendment process.

ADDRESSES: Any scoping comments or requests to be placed on the mailing list should be sent to Rangeland Health Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Morrison at (916) 979-2830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM's new grazing administration regulations (43 CFR Part 4100), which became effective August 21, 1995, provide for the development of state Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management. A national programmatic EIS was completed by BLM in 1993 in support of the new regulations. This EIS for California and northwestern Nevada will be tiered to the national EIS, and will incorporate applicable information from previously prepared BLM grazing EISs.

These Standards and Guidelines are to be developed through BLM's planning process (43 CFR part 1600), with input from Resource Advisory Councils as well as the public. The analysis will be conducted using an interdisciplinary team of specialists. All existing LUPs for public lands in the California and northwestern Nevada will be examined for conformance with the proposed standards and guidelines. Approval of the standards and guidelines by the Secretary of Interior will also constitute approval of an amendment to the existing LUP's.

Description of Possible Alternatives

At this time two preliminary reasonable alternatives have been identified: (1) the application of fallback Standards and Guidelines contained in the regulations at 43 CFR 4180(f) (1) and (2) the adoption of Standards and Guidelines developed locally and in consultation with California's Resource Advisory Councils and the public. Additional alternatives may be added as a result of scoping or subsequent public or agency input.

Anticipated Issues

Issues anticipated during the NEPA analysis include, but may not be limited to, the following: the effect that adoption of Standards will have on resource conditions, uses, and users of public land, and the effect that adoption of Guidelines will have on livestock operations.

Dated: March 11, 1996.

Ed Hastey,

State Director.

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Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3 (a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW131557 for lands in Carbon County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination. The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this Federal Register notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW131557 effective May 1, 1994, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.

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Public Land Order Revocation of Public Land Order No. 6010; Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes in its entirety a public land order which withdrew 3.50 acres of public land for the Bureau of Land Management—s Idaho Falls Administrative Site. The